Drinking Water in violation of the said mandatory provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules.

Import of Sugar

† 1226. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugar decided to be imported by Government;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the countries alongwith the details of the prices this import will be made;

(d) whether it is a fact that the imported sugar will be more costly than the sugar being sold in the country at present; and

(e) if so, the prices at which Government will make sugar available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Central Government does not undertake import of sugar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government, *vide* Notification dated 23.06.2006 has decided to allow import of white sugar at zero percent customs duty without any quantitative restriction up to 30.9.2006. At present, the landed cost of imported sugar is higher than the domestic prices. The provision made for imports is only an enabling provision to facilitate imports of sugar if the domestic prices increase relative to international price.

Purchase of wet rice from Andhra Pradesh

1227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has

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